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Applicant : FINN et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification originally filed, with the enclosed substitute specification. A marked up copy of showing changes to the original translation is attached.

Applicant states that no new matter has been added.

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ ✓
Please cancel claims 1 to 16 without prejudice and replace them with the following new claims:

17. (NEW) An identification label with a transponder unit for surface mounting on or mounting around an object, the label having a multi layered structure comprising:

an identification layer for optical marking;